

## LANDS MARINES TO STOP SMUGGLING

Official Circles Aroused by Report of Great Britain's Latest Act.

### NEWS NOT YET CONFIRMED

Enforcement of Neutrality Believed to Be Purpose—British Reported Arming.

Washington, December 27.—Reports received here that 600 British marines have been landed from the cruiser Hermione in British Honduras to prevent filibustering expeditions into Mexico, were without confirmation at the State Department today, but aroused official circles. It was pointed out that if the report is true, it shows that Great Britain is determined to enforce British neutrality on Mexico's southern border.

The report, which was first conveyed in a telegram received here by Russell Hastings Millward, an explorer connected with various foreign enterprises in Central America, was given weight by the fact that it is well known that there has been much smuggling of arms and ammunition into Mexico from British Honduras.

Although the Mexican embassy here was without any definite news on the question, it was thought possible that the Mexican government might have asked the British government to land marines to stop the smuggling. Since Great Britain occupied British Honduras in 1858, it has not found it necessary to send troops into the interior.

#### British Plans Expedition.

Manuel Brito, Governor of the State of Campeche, in Mexico, who was arrested in New Orleans several months ago on a charge of murder, is reported to be organizing an expedition in British Honduras for the purpose of crossing into Campeche.

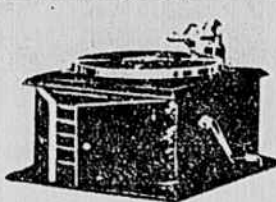
Great Britain is particularly interested in the Southern Mexican States of Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas and Yucatan, because they are the latitudes of Tehuantepec, across which runs the Tehuantepec Railroad, built and principally owned by the group of British capitalists headed by Lord Cowi.

The offer of Japanese army officers to enlist under the Huerta standard in Mexico, which the Mexican War Office claims to have received through its embassy in Tokyo, has not been made known to the State Department.

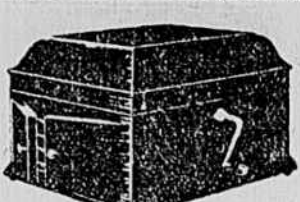
It is, however, regarded as nothing more than one of the manifestations of a certain element in Japan, which is seeking upon the special mission of Seno de Barra as an occasion to embarrass the Japanese government. Whether that service could be rendered, it is pointed out, would depend entirely upon the status of the Japanese officers making the offer. It is not doubted that their own government would refuse them permission to leave their own country if they are still on the active list of the Japanese army.

#### Sails With Refugees.

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on "The World's Unrest," in this week's issue, the spectator sums up the Mexican situation thus:

As to the new President Wilson is still trusting to the financial collapse of Huerta. That Huerta will collapse if given time enough is quite likely. Every one except Porfirio Diaz always have collapsed in Mexico.

But the new candidate for the presidency, he Federal or rebel, is not likely to be much less bloodstained than Huerta, against whom by the way, assassination has never been proved.

"We recognize the fine intentions of Mr. Wilson, but we cannot see how his policy can and ultimately in anything but failure or effective intervention. You cannot order the daily control of any country without such control as is undistinguishable from a protectorate, which in turn is often undistinguishable from annexation. Yet annexation has been repudiated by President Wilson as something inconceivably wrong."

In a similar article, this week's Outlook says:

"Mexican scandal and misery remain, of course, where the unscrupulous cupidity of Mexico's Northern neighbors has put them. The sanctimoniousness of politicians at Washington continues also to make the brutal brutality of the standard Oil agents comparatively, can we say, respectable."

#### May Attack Tampico Again.

Vera Cruz, December 27.—A careful estimate of the number of rebels in the State of Tamaulipas places the total at 15,000. The majority of these are around Victoria, but a considerable force is near Tampico, and it is possible that another attack on the port will commence early in the new year.

The Federals defending Tampico and outlying districts approximate 3,000, and have the assistance of two gunboats. Twelve hundred of the rebels are at Altamira, twenty-three miles north of Victoria. Further north, the rebels in large numbers continue to be annihilated. An additional carload of ammunition went from Victoria to the rebels yesterday.

The situation of Tampico, the rebels, under General Aguilar, holds Panuco and the railroad from Tampico to San Luis Potosi is reported to be cut.

Rear-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, with the battleship Colorado and the gunboat Albatross, will leave Vera Cruz for Tampico within two days. It is expected that the scout cruiser Chester, under Rear-Admiral Solano also will proceed to Tampico.

#### United States Gives Warning.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] (Squere, Mexico, December 27.)—Warnings were given today by United States troops to both Federal and rebel forces. It is a warning that if Huerta there must be no firing across the border.

Late reports were that the rebels were not yet within sight of the Federal stronghold.

An agent of General Villa arrived from Chihuahua City today to arrange for the release of Luis Terrazas, Jr., son of the Mexican land owner, who was held by Villa for a ransom said to be \$50,000. Terrazas's father has expressed willingness to pay the ransom, but has asked for a guarantee of his son's safe conduct to the United States. The agent also reported that in Chihuahua City ever since the rebels occupied that city.

All the homes of the Terrazas, Creels and other rich Mexican families, charged with having sympathized with Huerta, have been looted over by Villa to his officers. The property was confiscated several weeks ago.

Japanese agents who feared Villa might show resentment to their countrymen in Mexico because Huerta had placed orders for arms in Japan, they had received word from Mexico City that Japanese subjects would be protected by British vice-consul in Chihuahua. Villa had assured the Japanese he was not unfriendly to them.

#### Conditions Unsatisfactory.

Washington, December 27.—Conditions in regard to the safety of private property in Central Mexico continue to be unsatisfactory, according to the latest State Department reports. Owing to the fact that the territory from Durango northward is in absolute possession of neither warring faction, and that both telegraphs and railroads generally have been destroyed, communication is so slow that it required seven days to get news to the capital from the city of Torreon.

A week ago that important strategic point still was in the hands of the Federal revolutionists, who were in control of the surrounding district.

On the Gulf coast the rebels were active up to Christmas, and the consul at Tampico reported that General Villa with several hundred rebel troops took possession of the town of Panuco on December 24. They destroyed some buildings and committed other depredations, and the consul is trying to ascertain whether American life and property were menaced.

The State Department has caused representations to be made to General Villa at Chihuahua in the interest of the women and children of the Spaniards and other foreigners who were expelled from that town by the rebels. The American consul was assured that the families would be permitted to leave Chihuahua, but for some reason the promise has not been kept.

#### Horrible Torture of Prisoners.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

El Paso, December 27.—Torture of prisoners, equalled only by that of Comanche and Apache Indians, is being made by Federal and rebels in Mexico, according to the statements of refugees, who have reached the border. These tortures are even admitted by General Villa, the rebel, and General Saenz, of the Federal.

Prisoners of war have been stripped of their clothing, lashed on the back of cow ponies, which were turned loose on the desert with burrs under their tails to make them run. Horse and rider perished from thirst and lack of food. It is one of the most terrible forms of punishment now being used by the soldiers.

Refugees coming to El Paso this morning state that they passed a dead pony on the desert sands with the body of a nude man strapped to his back. The sufferings of the victim must have been awful, his tongue and eyes being swollen from the sun and lack of water.

Other prisoners had their noses cut off, eyes gouged out, ears cut off, and in some cases an arm and leg amputated. As nothing is done to stop the flow of blood, they soon die from loss of blood.

General Luis Terrazas expects to have his son with him in a few days. Negotiations are now pending between him and General Villa for the payment of \$500,000 ransom, and it is said that the money will be given the rebel leader the first of the coming week.

#### Garbled Version of Message.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Mexico City, December 27.—A garbled version of President Wilson's message has been given to the newspapers here for publication. In this version the President is said to say that it is necessary the banks here should suffer in order to carry out his policy for the elimination of Huerta, but that if financial pressure proves insufficient, then the United States will blockade Mexican ports and seriously consider the landing of marines. If Huerta is eliminated, then the Provisional President succeeding him will have the protection of the United States.

All news of rebel successes is rigorously suppressed, but the people have come to realize that rebels are gaining, and uneasiness and general discontent is increasing rapidly, especially among the companions of workers who have been pressed into the army.

It is believed that Huerta will decrease an extension of the bank holiday beyond January 2, as financial conditions are still decidedly critical. No direct news has been received from Tampico today.

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North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Sunday; Monday, rain; light to moderate, variable winds, becoming east.

#### Special Local Data for Yesterday.

High temperature..... 35  
Low temperature..... 23  
Maximum temperature up to 35  
Minimum temperature down to 23  
Mean temperature..... 29  
Normal temperature..... 30  
Deficiency in temperature..... -1  
Excess in temperature since March..... 118

Accumulated excess in temperature..... 130

Deficiency in rainfall since March..... 1.30

Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January..... 3.35

#### Local Observations 5 P. M. Yesterday.

Humidity..... 72  
Wind direction..... N.E.  
Wind velocity..... 12  
Weather..... Clear

#### CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 5 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)  
Tide..... 11.2  
Weather.....

Alexandria..... 45 25 Clear

Atlanta..... 45 25 Clear

Boston..... 45 25 Clear

Buffalo..... 45 25 Clear

Chicago..... 45 25 Clear

Clarkston..... 45 25 Clear

Cincinnati..... 45 25 Clear

Cleveland..... 45 25 Clear

Detroit..... 45 25 Clear

Evansville..... 45 25 Clear

Galveston..... 45 25 Clear

Harlem..... 45 25 Clear

Indianapolis..... 45 25 Clear

Jacksonville..... 45 25 Clear

Kansas City..... 45 25 Clear

Los Angeles..... 45 25 Clear

Madison..... 45 25 Clear

Memphis..... 45 25 Clear

Minneapolis..... 45 25 Clear

Mobile..... 45 25 Clear

New Orleans..... 45 25 Clear

New York..... 45 25 Clear

Philadelphia..... 45 25 Clear

Pittsburgh..... 45 25 Clear

Portland..... 45 25 Clear

San Francisco..... 45 25 Clear

St. Louis..... 45 25 Clear

St. Paul..... 45 25 Clear

Wash. D. C..... 45 25 Clear

Wichita..... 45 25 Clear

Yonkers..... 45 25 Clear

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Low tide..... 12:07

Evening..... 6:51

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